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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Election of the Bureau (*continued*)

1. **The President** announced the departure from the Council of Mr. de Laiglesia. He had been informed that, in accordance with rule 22 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Group of Western European and Other States had endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Arias, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations, to complete Mr. de Laiglesia's unexpired term.

2. *Mr. Arias (Spain) was elected Vice-President of the Council for the remainder of its 2012 session by acclamation.*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)

Basic programme of work of the Council (*continued*) (E/2012/L.2, L.3, and L.4)

3. **The President** drew attention to draft decision E/2012/L.2, which he had submitted on the basis of a proposal made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions (E/2012/L.2).

Draft decision E/2012/L.2: "Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2012 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council"

4. *Draft decision E/2012/L.2 was adopted.*

5. **The President** drew attention to the draft proposals submitted by the Bureau of the Council on the basis of informal consultations (E/2012/L.3 and L.4).

Draft decision E/2012/L.3: "Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2012"

6. *Draft decision E/2012/L.3 was adopted.*

Draft decision E/2012/L.4: "Economic and Social Council event to discuss the transition from relief to development"

7. *Draft decision E/2012/L.4 was adopted.*

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

Statistical Commission (E/2012/9)

8. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

9. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that China and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Bulgaria had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States; and Barbados, Dominican Republic and Ecuador were non-endorsed candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

10. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Western European and Other States, respectively, was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. *Bulgaria, China, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

13. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidate for election to the Statistical Commission, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

14. *It was so decided.*

15. **The President**, noting that there were more candidates than the number of vacancies, invited the Council to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

16. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Zhang Guixuan (China) and Mr. Dugan (United States of America) acted as tellers.*

17. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of valid ballots:	53
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Dominican Republic:	38
Barbados:	35
Ecuador:	32

18. *Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, Barbados and the Dominican Republic were elected members of the Statistical Commission.*

Commission on Population and Development (E/2012/9)

19. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session in 2017.

20. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Chad and Madagascar had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Brazil, Mexico and Uruguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands and Switzerland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

21. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States, respectively, was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled from those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

22. *It was so decided.*

23. *Belgium, Brazil, Chad, Denmark, Madagascar, Mexico, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Uruguay were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development.*

24. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission on Population and Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States, three members from the Group of Asia-Pacific States and one member from the Group of Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session in 2017.

25. *It was so decided.*

26. **The President** recalled that there were two outstanding vacancies on the Commission on Population and Development — one to be filled from the Group of Asia-Pacific States and the other to be filled from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2016. No candidates had yet been proposed for those vacancies.

Commission for Social Development (E/2012/9)

27. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members to the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fifty-fifth session in 2017.

28. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Malawi and Uganda had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, Kuwait and Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Argentina, Brazil and Chile had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; Finland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States; and Poland was a non-endorsed candidate from the Group of Eastern European States.

29. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

30. *It was so decided.*

31. *Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Finland, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malawi, Pakistan, Poland and Uganda were elected members of the Commission for Social Development.*

32. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission for Social Development he took it that the Council wished

to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States, and three members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fifty-fifth session in 2017.

33. *It was so decided.*

34. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the outstanding vacancies on the Commission for Social Development to be filled from the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

35. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Ukraine had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States and the Dominican Republic had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

36. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Ukraine and the Dominican Republic to the Commission on Social Development by acclamation for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2015 and fifty-fourth session in 2016, respectively.

37. *It was so decided.*

38. *The Dominican Republic and Ukraine were elected members of the Commission for Social Development.*

39. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission for Social Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Eastern European States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013; one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fourth session in 2016; and two members from the Group of Western European and Other States — one for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session and the other for a term expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2016.

40. *It was so decided.*

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2012/9)

41. **The President** invited the Council to elect 11 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its sixty-first session in 2017.

42. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burkina Faso, Lesotho and Uganda had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan and Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Belarus had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Ecuador and Paraguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Germany, Israel and Switzerland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

43. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

44. *It was so decided.*

45. *Belarus, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Germany, Japan, Israel, Lesotho, Pakistan, Paraguay, Switzerland and Uganda were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/2012/9)

46. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

47. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cameroon, Ghana and Nigeria had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Belarus and the Czech Republic had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Mexico and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

48. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled from each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

49. *It was so decided.*

50. *Argentina, Bahamas, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, the Czech Republic, Ghana, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America were elected members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.*

Commission on Sustainable Development (E/2012/9)

51. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members to the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's twenty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its twenty-fourth session in 2016.

52. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali and Mauritania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Viet Nam had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Antigua and Barbuda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Ecuador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Iceland and Portugal were non-endorsed candidates from the Group of Western European and Other States.

53. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled from each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

54. *It was so decided.*

55. *Antigua and Barbuda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Burkina Faso, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Iceland, India, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Viet Nam were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.*

56. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission on Sustainable Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's twenty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its twenty-fourth session in 2016.

57. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2012/9)

58. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

59. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Liberia, Nigeria and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan and Sri Lanka had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Finland and Portugal had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

60. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from all regional groups was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

61. *It was so decided.*

62. *Austria, Brazil, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Finland, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Nigeria, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Sri Lanka and Zambia were elected members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.*

63. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States, two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

64. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination
(E/2012/9/Add.1)

65. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

66. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Botswana and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

67. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, respectively, was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled from each group, he took it that the Council wished to nominate them for election by the General Assembly.

68. *It was so decided.*

69. *Botswana, Peru, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

70. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the nomination of one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from the Group of Western European and Other States for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

71. *It was so decided.*

72. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the outstanding vacancies on the Committee for Programme and Coordination to be filled from the Group of Asia-Pacific States.

73. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Japan and Kazakhstan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States for terms expiring on 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014, respectively.

74. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to nominate Japan and Kazakhstan for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014, respectively.

75. *It was so decided.*

76. *Japan and Kazakhstan were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

77. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the nominations to fill the four outstanding vacancies for the Group of Western European and Other States for a term expiring on 31 December 2014.

78. *It was so decided.*

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
(E/2012/9/Add.2)

79. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

80. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cameroon, Libya and Mauritius had been endorsed by the Group of African States and Brazil had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

81. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, respectively, was equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled from those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

82. *It was so decided.*

83. *Brazil, Cameroon, Libya and Mauritius were elected to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.*

84. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Intergovernmental

Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States, four members from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, two members from the Group of Eastern European States, and two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

85. *It was so decided.*

86. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the outstanding vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States.

87. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and Germany had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

88. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Peru and Germany to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting by acclamation for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

89. *It was so decided.*

90. *Germany and Peru were elected members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.*

91. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States for a term expiring on 31 December 2014; six members from the Group of Asia-Pacific States — four members for terms expiring on 31 December 2012 and two members for terms expiring on 31 December 2014; one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term expiring on 31 December 2012; and eight members from the Group of Western European and Other States for terms expiring on 31 December 2014.

92. *It was so decided.*

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
(E/2012/9/Add.3 and Add.4)

93. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine experts to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

94. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt) and Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius) had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Jun Cong (China) and Waleed Sa'di (Jordan) had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Zdzislaw Kedzia (Poland) and Sergei Martynov (Belarus) had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; María del Rocío Barahona Riera (Costa Rica) and Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg (Suriname) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Mikel Mancisidor (Spain) and Nicolaas Jan Schrijver (Netherlands) had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

95. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asia-Pacific States and the Group of Western European and Other States, respectively, was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled from each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

96. *It was so decided.*

97. *Sergei Martynov (Belarus), Jun Cong (China), Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt), Waleed Sa'di (Jordan), Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius), Nicolaas Jan Schrijver (Netherlands), Zdzislaw Kedzia (Poland) and Mikel Mancisidor (Spain) were elected members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*

98. **The President**, noting that there were more candidates than vacancies, invited the Council to elect by secret ballot one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2013.

99. *At the invitation of the President, Mr. Odisho (Iraq) and Ms. Kuipers (Netherlands) acted as tellers.*

100. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Lydia Carmelita **Ravenberg** (Suriname)	31
María del Rocío **Barahona Riera** (Costa Rica)	22

101. *Having obtained the required majority, Lydia Carmelita Ravenberg (Suriname) was elected a member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
(E/2012/9/Add.12)

102. **The President** invited the Council to fill the vacancy on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues arising from the resignation of Helen Kaljuläte and said that the Government of Estonia had nominated Victoria Tuulas as her replacement. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Victoria Tuulas (Estonia) as a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2013.

103. *It was so decided.*

104. *Victoria Tuulas was elected a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund
(E/2012/9/Add.5)

105. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

106. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt and Ghana had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan and Thailand had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Bulgaria had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Guyana had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Canada, Denmark, France and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

107. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled from each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

108. *It was so decided.*

109. *Bulgaria, Canada, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Ghana, Guyana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Sweden and Thailand were elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

110. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Austria, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Japan and Spain were resigning their seats on the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund effective 1 January 2013. Switzerland, Ireland and Israel, respectively, had been endorsed to complete the terms of Austria, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which would expire on 31 December 2013. Greece and Belgium had been endorsed to complete the terms of Japan and Spain, respectively, which would expire on 31 December 2014.

111. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Israel and Switzerland to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

112. *It was so decided.*

113. *Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Israel and Switzerland were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

114. **The President** drew attention to resolution 66/134 of 19 December 2011, by which the General Assembly had decided to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 85 to 87 States and requested the Council to elect the additional members. Accordingly,

he invited the Council to elect two States to fill the new seats.

115. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the candidates were Azerbaijan and Rwanda.

116. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Azerbaijan and Rwanda to the Executive Committee by acclamation.

117. *It was so decided.*

118. *Azerbaijan and Rwanda were elected members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services (E/2012/9/Add.6)

119. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

120. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola, the Congo, Ethiopia, Lesotho and the Niger had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Fiji, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Bulgaria had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Guatemala had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France, Germany, Japan and Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

121. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

122. *It was so decided.*

123. *Angola, Bulgaria, the Congo, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Germany, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Lesotho, the Niger, Pakistan and Spain were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services.*

124. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Canada, Luxembourg, Denmark, Greece and Israel were resigning their seats on the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services effective 1 January 2013. The Netherlands and Ireland had been endorsed to complete the terms of Canada and the Luxembourg, respectively, which would expire on 31 December 2013. New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Portugal had been endorsed to complete the terms of Denmark, Greece and Israel, respectively, which would expire on 31 December 2014.

125. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Portugal to complete the terms of Canada, Luxembourg, Denmark, Greece and Israel, respectively.

126. *It was so decided.*

127. *Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (E/2012/9/Add.7)

128. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for a three-year term beginning 1 January 2013.

129. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria, the Gambia, Djibouti, Gabon and Malawi had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Maldives, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Latvia and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Brazil, Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; Ireland and Switzerland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

130. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the

number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

131. *It was so decided.*

132. *Algeria, Brazil, Djibouti, Gabon, the Gambia, Ireland, Latvia, Malawi, the Maldives, Philippines, the Russian Federation, Solomon Islands, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela were elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.*

133. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Finland, the Netherlands and the United States of America were resigning their seats effective 1 January 2013. Belgium, Austria and Australia had been endorsed to complete the terms of Finland, the Netherlands and the United States of America, respectively, which would expire on 31 December 2013.

134. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Belgium, Austria and Australia, to the Executive Board of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women by acclamation.

135. *It was so decided.*

136. *Australia, Austria and Belgium were elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.*

137. **The President** said that the Council had also been informed that, effective 1 January 2013, Sweden, one of the four core contributing countries to UN-Women, was resigning its seat on the Executive Board of the Entity, which was allocated pursuant to paragraph 61 (a) of General Assembly resolution 64/289. The United States of America had been endorsed by the top ten core contributors to assume the resigned seat.

138. He took it that the Council wished to elect the United States of America by acclamation to the Executive Board of UN-Women to complete the term of office of Sweden, which would expire on 31 December 2013.

139. *It was so decided.*

140. *The United States of America was elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme
(E/2012/9/Add.8)

141. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

142. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Sierra Leone had been endorsed by the Group of African States (List A), Iraq had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States (List B), the Netherlands and Switzerland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States (List D), the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States (List E).

143. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from Lists A, B, D and E was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

144. *It was so decided.*

145. *Iraq, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and Switzerland were elected to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

146. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from List B.

147. *It was so decided.*

148. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Norway and the Republic of Korea were resigning their seats, effective 1 January 2013. Spain and Pakistan had been endorsed to complete the terms of Norway and the Republic of Korea, respectively, which would expire on 31 December 2013.

149. He took it that the Council wished to elect Spain and Pakistan by acclamation to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.

150. *It was so decided.*

151. *Pakistan and Spain were elected to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
(E/2012/9/Add.9)

152. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members to the Committee for the United Nations

Population Award for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

153. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Czech Republic had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States and Grenada had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

154. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

155. *It was so decided.*

156. *The Czech Republic and Grenada were elected to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

157. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of three members from the Group of African States, three members from the Group of Asia-Pacific States, one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and Other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

158. *It was so decided.*

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
(E/2010/9/Add.10)

159. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

160. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; Poland had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Guyana had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States.

161. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

162. *It was so decided.*

163. *Belgium, China, Guyana, Japan, Poland, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe were elected to the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
(E/2012/9/Add.11)

164. **The President** invited the Council to elect 19 members to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

165. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin, Madagascar, Morocco, Somalia and Uganda had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, Bangladesh, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka had been endorsed by the Group of Asia-Pacific States; and Antigua and Barbuda had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

166. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Asia-Pacific States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect them by acclamation.

167. *It was so decided.*

168. *Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Benin, China, Madagascar, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, Somalia, Sri Lanka and Uganda were elected to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).*

169. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of Eastern

European States, two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and five members from the Group of Western European and Other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013.

170. *It was so decided.*

171. **The President** recalled that there were five outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, two to be filled from the Group of Eastern European States for a term expiring on 31 December 2015; and three to be filled from the Group of Western European and Other States — two for terms expiring on 31 December 2012 and one for a term expiring on 31 December 2015. To date, no nominees had been proposed to fill those seats.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

172. **The President** invited the Council to fill the outstanding vacancy on the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for the Group of African States.

173. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Egypt had been endorsed by the Group of African States to fill the vacancy.

174. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Egypt by acclamation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015.

175. *It was so decided.*

176. *Egypt was elected a member of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.*

The meeting rose at 12.05 p.m.